Non-Participation of Countries in IITF

759. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several major countries decided against participating in the 14th India International Trade Fair. inaugurated on the 14th November, 1994; and

(b) if so, what are the names of such countries and the reasons for the non-participation ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Despite the so called plague scare, the 14th India International Trade Fair held during 14th to 27th November, 1994, continued to be highly popular for overseas visitors with series of business delegation from about 24 countries. In the International Sector as many as 130 companies took part from 19 countries. However, giving the plague situation in India as a reason, three countries viz. Taiwan, Romania and Kenya withdraw participation.

Export of Tyres

760. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the total quantity of tyres exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during each of the last three years, country-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) Export of Automobile-Tyres & Tubes (including flaps) both in quantity and value during the last three years are as follows :—

Year	Quantity (In '000 Nos.)	Value (Rs. in Crores)
1991-92	2110.0	202.1
1992-93	6872.0	495.5
1993-94	5347.0	606.2

Export figures in respect of major countries are as follows :—

Sl. No.	Major Impotrting Country	(Rs./Crores)		
		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
1	Afghanistan	21.4	103.9	78.3
2	Bangladesh	25.6	37.6	45.4
3	Egypt	10.5	19.9	16.5
4	Hong Kong	3.0	7.6	1.4